



-- REMARKS --

The present response replies to a Final Office Action dated August 7, 2002.  
Claims 18-23 are currently pending in the present application.

In the Final Office Action, Examiner Brier rejected pending claims 18-23 on various grounds. The Applicant responds to each rejection as subsequently recited herein:

- A. Claims 20-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶1 as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

The Applicant has cancelled claims 20-23 herein without disclaimer or prejudice as to the claimed subject matter. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 20-23 under §112, ¶1 is therefore respectfully requested.

- B. Claims 18-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 1-200285 to *Kato* in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,153,571 to *Takahashi* et al.

The Applicant has cancelled claims 18-23 herein without disclaimer or prejudice as to the claimed subject matter. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 18-23 under §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Kato* in view of *Takahashi* is therefore respectfully requested.

The Applicant has added claims 24-33 with claims 24 and 30 being independent claims. The Applicant respectfully asserts that claims 24-33 are allowable over *Kato* in view of *Takahashi*, because neither *Kato* nor *Takahashi* disclose teach or suggest "said user-interface operable to sense a user-desired displacement speed of the cursor based on movement of said user-interface by a user" as recited in independent claims 24 and 30.

Moreover, neither *Kato* nor *Takahashi* disclose teach or suggest “wherein an actual displacement speed of the cursor as represented by said display is dependent upon the user-desired displacement speed as sensed by said user-interface” as recited in independent claim 24.

Furthermore, neither *Kato* nor *Takahashi* disclose teach or suggest “wherein, during an activation of said user-interface, (1) at least one timing signal indicative of the user-desired displacement speed as sensed by said user-interface is generated, (2) an actual displacement speed of the cursor as represented by said display is equal to or lower than a first speed when a total generation of timing signals is less than a pre-specified number, and (3) the actual displacement speed of the cursor is greater than the first speed and equal to or lower than a second speed when the total generation of timing signals is equal to or less than the pre-specified number” as recited in independent claim 30.



SUMMARY

Examiner Brier's 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶1 rejection and §103(a) rejection of claims 18-23 have been obviated by the cancellation herein of claim 18-23. The Applicant respectfully submits that claims 24-33 fully satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102, 103 and 112. In view of the foregoing, favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present application is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,  
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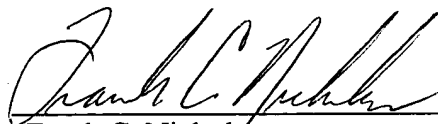
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